

less, that meet S6.3.1 and S9.4 of Standard No. 225 (49 CFR 571.225).

(3) *Vehicles produced by more than one manufacturer.* Each manufacturer whose reporting of information is affected by one or more of the express written contracts permitted by S13.1.2(c) and S14.2.2 of Standard No. 225 (49 CFR 571.225) shall:

(i) Report the existence of each contract, including the names of all parties to the contract, and explain how the contract affects the report being submitted.

(ii) Report the actual number of vehicles covered by each contract.

[64 FR 10847, Mar. 5, 1999, as amended at 68 FR 38231, June 27, 2003]

§ 596.7 Records.

Each manufacturer shall maintain records of the Vehicle Identification Number for each vehicle for which information is reported under § 596.6(b)(2)(i) until December 31, 2004. Each manufacturer shall maintain records of the Vehicle Identification Number for each vehicle for which information is reported under § 596.6(b)(2)(ii) until December 31, 2007.

[68 FR 38231, June 27, 2003]

§ 596.8 Petition to extend period to file report.

A manufacturer may petition for extension of time to submit a report under this Part. A petition will be granted only if the petitioner shows good cause for the extension and if the extension is consistent with the public interest. The petition must be received not later than 15 days before expiration of the time stated in § 596.6(a). The filing of a petition does not automatically extend the time for filing a report. The petition must be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

PART 597—TIRES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A GVWR OF 10,000 POUNDS OR LESS PHASE-IN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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§ 597.1 Scope.

This part establishes requirements for manufacturers of new pneumatic tires for motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less to submit reports, and maintain records related to the reports, concerning the number of such tires that meet the requirements of Standard No. 139, *New Pneumatic Tires for Light Vehicles* (49 CFR 571.139).

§ 597.2 Purpose.

The purpose of these reporting requirements in this part is to assist the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in determining whether a manufacturer has complied with Standard No. 139 (49 CFR 571.139).

§ 597.3 Applicability.

This part applies to manufacturers of tires for motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

§ 597.4 Definitions.

(a) All terms defined in 49 U.S.C. 30102 are used in their statutory meaning.

(b) "Motor vehicle" and "gross vehicle weight rating" are used as defined in 49 CFR 571.3.

(c) "Production year" means the 12-month period between September 1 of one year and August 31 of the following year, inclusive.

§ 597.5 Response to inquiries.

Each manufacturer shall, upon request from the Office of Vehicle Safety

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Compliance, provide information identifying the tires (by make, model, brand and tire identification number) that have been certified as complying with Standard No. 139 (49 CFR 571.139). The manufacturer's designation of a tire as a certified tire is irrevocable.

§ 597.6 Reporting requirements.

(a) *General reporting requirements.* Within 60 days after the end of the production years ending August 31, 2005 and August 31, 2006, each manufacturer shall submit a report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concerning its compliance with Standard No. 139 (49 CFR 571.139) for its tires produced in that year for motor vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less. Each report shall—

- (1) Identify the manufacturer;
- (2) State the full name, title, and address of the official responsible for preparing the report;
- (3) Identify the production year being reported on;
- (4) Contain a statement regarding whether or not the manufacturer complied with Standard No. 139 (49 CFR 571.139) for the period covered by the report and the basis for that statement;
- (5) Provide the information specified in paragraph (b) of this section;
- (6) Be written in the English language; and
- (7) Be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

(b) *Report Content—(1) Basis for phase-in production goals.* Each manufacturer shall provide the number of tires for motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less

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manufactured for sale in the United States for each of the three previous production years, or, at the manufacturer's option, for the production year for which the report is filed. A new manufacturer that has not previously manufactured these tires for sale in the United States shall report the number of such tires manufactured during the current production year.

(2) *Production.* Each manufacturer shall report for the production year for which the report is filed: the number of new pneumatic tires for motor vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less that meet Standard No. 139 (49 CFR 571.139).

§ 597.7 Records.

Each manufacturer must maintain records of the tire identification number for each tire for which information is reported under 49 CFR 590.6(b)(2) until December 31, 2007.

§ 597.8 Petition to extend period to file report.

A manufacturer may petition for extension of time to submit a report under this part. A petition will be granted only if the petitioner shows good cause for the extension and if the extension is consistent with the public interest. The petition must be received not later than 15 days before expiration of the time stated in § 597.6(a). The filing of a petition does not automatically extend the time for filing a report. The petition must be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

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